involving manipulation/misappropriation of funds came to the notice of the Management of ITDC in July, 1992. After the preliminary investigations, the Management of ITDC handed over the case to the Crime Branch of Delhi Police. Delhi Police has filed a charge sheet against 14 employees of Hotel Janpath in the Court of the Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi.

Besides 31 cases of misconduct and financial irregularities of minor nature committed by the employees of Hotel Janpath (during the period February 1990 to December 1993) came to the notice of the Management. Action has been taken in resect of 26 cases, however, in 5 cases proceedings are in progress.

All cases relating to the corruption/misconduct are investigated by ITDC in accordance with the laid down procedures, without prejudice and favour.

Increase in non-Plan expenditure in ITDC

*547. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the use of chauffeur-drieven cars in ITDC is in violation of Government/BPE instructions and there has been constant increase in non-plan expenditure in ITDC;

(b) whether Government would direct the ITDC Management to withdraw the use of chauffeur-driven cars which cost to ITDC several lakhs annually as a measure of economy and would give only the permissible car maintenance allowance to each eligible Head of the Department, etc. as per the recommendations of the High Powered Pay Committee of Government; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative the reasons and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. The use of Chauffeur-driven cars in ITDC is not violation of the Government/BPE instructions on the subject. The percentage of operating expenditure (non-plan) to turnover has also declined over previous years.

(b) The High Powered Pay Committee did not recommend withdrawal of chauffeur-driven cars. However, the Committee has recommended provisions for payment of conveyance allowance/transport subsidy to the employees. Accordingly, ITDC employees maintaining their own cars and entitled for use of taxi for official journeys are allowed fixed car allowance.

(c) Does not arise.

Multinational companies pulled out of India

*548. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the multinational companies, including ROCHE, that have pulled out of India during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for such pullout; and

(c) whether some of them have decided to come back and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Disinvestment of foreign equity is permitted by the Reserve Bank of